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FOR: "Improved Cap Sealer for Caulked Joints"

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2002. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by June 7, 2002.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension and includes fee (\$55), making a Response due July 7, 2002.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims as follows (a bracketed and underlined version of the amended claims are included in APPENDIX A - AMENDMENTS):

1. An improved cap for sealed joints between adjacent blocks, comprising:
 - a) a flexible body member, comprising a first cap portion and a leg portion;
 - b) a plurality of ridges positioned on an underside cap portion, having a plurality of channels there between, the ridges further defining an increased area on the underside of the cap for sealant to adhere to;
 - c) the leg portion insertable into fluidized sealant material within the joint between the adjacent blocks, to a depth so that the underside of the cap portion imbeds into the sealant material for providing a sealed connection between the underside of the cap and the fluidized sealant material residing in the joint and on an upper surfaces of the adjacent blocks.

2. (Amended) The improved cap in claim 1, wherein the cap is constructed of material

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